

## ARRAIGNED FOR MURDER.

**Milton Fischer and Louise Swearingen Plead Not Guilty.**

**The Preliminary Hearing Set For Tuesday, February Fifth.**

**The Tell-Tale Handkerchief—The Murdered Woman**

Another leaf in the history of the mysterious murder of Mrs. Maggie Fischer was written to-day, when her husband, Milton Fischer and her sister, Louise Swearingen were arraigned before a legal tribunal for preliminary examination.

At two o'clock this afternoon, Justice Fisher's office was crowded to see the prisoners and hear the plea. They were neatly dressed and gazed without flinching at Prosecuting Attorney Longan, as he read the information, charging them with the murder of Mrs. Maggie Fischer.

Their attorney, Mr. Steele answered "not guilty" for them and they took their seats. By agreement, the date of the preliminary hearing was set for next Tuesday, February 5th, at the criminal court room. The prisoners were then re-committed to jail without bail.

## THE PRISONERS.

The two prisoners have engaged W. D. Steele to defend them, and this afternoon they were taken from the jail, where they had spent two nights and a day, and were taken to Mr. Steele's office, that a conference might be held. While looking very much dejected, Fischer and Miss Swearingen were much more composed than they were when committed to jail Saturday night, having become somewhat accustomed to their surroundings. They refuse to be interviewed by reporters and are evidently prepared to make a vigorous defense.

## MRS. FISCHER BURIED.

The remains of the unfortunate Mrs. Fischer, were inclosed in a neat casket furnished Undertaker David Ramsey, of this city, and on Saturday evening were shipped to her relatives at Exill, Howard county, where they were interred yesterday. Her little girl will be taken to Howard county and placed in the care of her dead mother's relatives, as it is not probable that Fischer will be able to breath fresh air for some time.

## THE TELL-TALE KERCHIEF.

The handkerchief which was knotted around Mrs. Fischer's neck, was brought to town by Coroner Overstreet and delivered to Prosecuting Attorney Longan, who turned it over to Sheriff Smith to-day. It was at first thought to be a table napkin, but further examination shows it to be a mixed silk and cotton handkerchief nearly white in the center, with a colored border, and bears the appearance of having been washed several times. This handkerchief will probably furnish the clue to the identity of the murderer, and every effort will be made to trace it to its proper owner. Various stores have been shown the handkerchief, but so far nothing has been found to match it. It is probable that the article was purchased at some other town, as it is evidently several months old. At least here is a fine field for detectives.

## PUBLIC OPINION.

While there is no great excitement on the subject, it was the theme of universal conversation yesterday and to-day and there was a heavy demand to-day for copies of the BAZOON containing the account of the tragedy and the details of the inquest, written on the ground by a reporter of this paper detailed for that purpose. It is useless to deny that a great number of those who read the account unhesitatingly expressed their conviction that Milton Fischer, or Miss Swearingen, or both of them, are guilty of the horrible crime, but we are glad to state that this belief is coupled with a wish that the law may take its course, uninfused by popular clamor or tumult.

## Imported Stock.

Stock breeders in Pettis and surrounding counties will be interested to know of a late acquisition to the list of fine horses. Mr. Thomas E. Walker, whose fine stock farm lies four miles east of this city, returned this morning from El Paso, Illinois, where he purchased of Ed. Hudgson, the celebrated importer and breeder, two yearling Percheron colts, a mare and a stallion. They arrived here in good shape, and after being fed and groomed at Gorrell's stables, were taken to the farm this afternoon. The stallion was imported from France last summer, and is registered "Trapson 5-330," weight 1,220 pounds. He is a black, and is a magnificent animal. The mare is a dark iron gray, and although born in this country is of pure blood, and therefore duly registered, being the only animal of the kind that enjoys that distinction in this section. She is registered as "Mignonette 5-331," and weighs just 1,200 pounds. Mr. Walker certainly has a pair of beauties. Our horse breeders should see them.

—If you are nervous or dyspeptic try Carter's Little Nerve Pills. Dyspepsia makes you nervous, and nervousness makes you dyspeptic; either one renders you miserable, and these little pills cure both.

## County Court.

County court convened in special session this forenoon for the purpose of hearing the evidence in the matter of opening a public road in the county, but on account of the absence of Judge Gentry, as well as the non-appearance of several important witnesses in the case, court was adjourned until the regular term, which convenes next Monday. The road matter in question will be heard February 6.

## THE OLD STORY.

**A Prominent Fayette Lawyer the Victim of a Slick Trick.**

**He is looking for a Sedalia man and a Parsons man.**

A pathetic story comes floating across the Big Muddy, from Fayette, that place which is supposed by its inhabitants to contain all the wisdom worth possessing on earth. It is a story replete with man's credulity, and the BAZOON in its simplest and gentlest manner repeats the narrative as heard.

There is a lawyer living at Fayette, who shall be nameless here forever. He stands high at the bar, foremost in councils of government and first in the heart of his fellow citizens.

About a month ago there came to the residence of this great and good man of Fayette, a ragged urchin and footsore tramp. The lawyer's heart melted within him, and he set the tramp to sawing wood and went back to his homes of law and his cases in chancery, ever and anon, casting his eyes out to where his tattered hireling "was sawing wood and saying nothing." And day after day the man from a far country sawed wood and spoke in all humility to his master. At last one day the lawyer said unto his new found treasure:

"Why is it that you are a tramp? You are industrious; why do you look as if you had been run feet first through a corn sheller?"

And then the tramp opened his mouth and said: "Verily, I am in hard luck. I have squandered my time and my substance on a valuable invention, and I have not witherwith the means to patent the same and spring it upon a yearning world. I have been offered \$4,000 for an interest in my invention by a man living at Parsons, but I do not like him. I am afraid he will not make a good, honest partner. A man also in Sedalia has offered me a large sum for an interest, but I am suspicious of the Sedalian," and the tramp sighed wearily and continued to saw wood.

And the man of law turned himself away and communed with himself for the space of an hour and then he smote himself on the breast and exclaimed, "I have it," which in the language of Howard county means "I have struck a soft thing."

And so the man of law journeyed to Sedalia and Parsons and found the men of whom the tramp and inventor had spoken, and they told him that there were no flies on the invention, and that they were ready to come down with the shekels for an interest in the same.

And so the man of law hied himself back to Fayette and gave his sawyer of wood two thousand dollars for a half interest in his invention, and received a bill of sale therefor, and then he boarded the train for Parsons, and as he journeyed along he smiled and said to himself, "It is easy to make \$2,000 when you only know how," and he stroked himself on the bosom of his pants very complacently.

But when he arrived at Parsons, the man who was aching for a share in the patent had journeyed into a far country and his whereabouts was not known. In plain United States he had absquatulated.

So the man from Fayette journeyed to Sedalia, and lo and behold the Sedalian man who had hungered for a slice in the wonderful invention, had also greased himself and slid out of town into total obscurity.

Hurriedly and anxiously the man of law journeyed back to Fayette, but alas! the woodshed was silent and deserted. The shining saw hung on its accustomed peg on the wall, but the hand which erstwhile drove it through the stubborn knots of oak and ash, had waved a long farewell to saw and patron.

The tramp had gone to meet his friends in Parsons and Sedalia.

They were too flip for the man of Fayette.

## THE END.

## Messier is Willing.

H. O. Meisser states that if J. S. Harman, now in Sedalia, wants to make a walking match as he stated in Tuesday's Times, he should put up a forfeit large enough to indicate business, and if this is done he (Meisser) will in less than twenty-four hours cover it, for a six-days-go-as-you-please for from \$250 to \$1,000 a side.—Kansas City Times.

## A FAMILY SCANDAL.

**Bede Hendricks Seduces and Runs Away With His Brother's Wife.**

**The Betrayed Husband and Two Wailing Babes in Pursuit of the Guilty Pair.**

**A Story of Man's Treachery and Woman's Faithlessness.**

David Hendricks and his wife and two little boys, one three and the other two years of age, have been living on the farm of Tuck Hart, near Hughesville, in this county. Hendricks is about 27 years old, and four years ago married a Miss Guffie, whose parents reside near Syracuse. She is about 21 years old, handsome and buxom, and has hitherto been a faithful wife and mother. Dave Hendricks is a poor, hard-working farmer, and his tale of woe, as he stood on the platform of the Trior Depot this morning and related it to a BAZOON reporter, was pitiful in the extreme.

David Hendricks has a younger brother named Bede Hendricks, aged about 22 or 23 years, who was always welcome at his brother's house. Bede has been a section hand on the Missouri Pacific, but lately has been spending a good deal of time at his brother's house near Hughesville. Dave never suspected anything between his brother and his own wife until yesterday morning, when he returned from the fields where he had been at work, and entering his humble abode, saw that which chilled his blood to the marrow and froze every instinct of brotherly love to the core. He left the house and wandered off into the fields again in order to regain his paralyzed senses and decide what to do. The guilty pair knowing that they were detected, hurriedly took the little baby boys to a neighbor's, and leaving them with some trivial excuse, boarded the train on the Lexington branch, arriving in Sedalia yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Depotmaster Carnes knew both parties, but suspected nothing wrong. They inquired for a train that went to Versailles and went out on the east-bound passenger train, having bought tickets for that point. Where they went is not known.

David Hendricks, the betrayed brother and injured husband came down to Sedalia last night at 10 o'clock on the freight from Hughesville, accompanied by his two little boys, who were weeping and waiting for their mamma. Hendricks has a sister living in Sedalia, to whom he took the helpless and deserted little ones. This morning he took the eldest boy and started east to find, if he could, his villainous brother and his guilty wife. As he talked to the BAZOON reporter about the affair the tears rolled down his cheeks, and the little boy wailed aloud, as if he understood the terrible disgrace that had fallen upon their once happy home.

He was advised by Depot Master Carnes and the BAZOON reporter to do nothing that would involve him in more trouble than he was in, but to have the couple arrested. He said that the couple would either stop at Syracuse or Tipton as they did not have much money. Hendricks said he would follow them to the end of the world and have revenge. The youngest child is here in Sedalia in charge of the sister of the Hendricks boys. She is overwhelmed with grief at the domestic scandal.

## "Wooden-Headed."

When a wooden pavement was desired outside St. Paul's cathedral, Sidney Smith said: "If the canons will simply 'put their heads together,' the thing is done!" They were not half so wooden-headed, however, as it would be to deny the merit of Dr. E. V. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which has cured many thousands of liver disease, impure blood, king's evil, salt-rheumatism, dropsy, chronic affections of the throat, bronchial tubes, and lungs, asthma, catarrh, influenza, neuralgia, dyspepsia, constipation, and all skin diseases. Druggists.

When everything else fails, Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy cures.

## Back to the Pen.

Joseph Grand, who escaped from the sheriff of Jefferson county, while being taken to the penitentiary and was recaptured at Lamonte by the city marshal, was taken to Jefferson City last night and turned over to the prison authorities.

**Eczema, Itchy, Scaly, Skin Tortures.**

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## Deaths.

## MARTHA CORDRY.

Mrs. Martha Cordry, aged 70, passed away at her residence in Pleasant Green yesterday afternoon at half past two o'clock. She was attacked by pneumonia a few days since, and this, together with her extreme age and feebleness, carried her off. Mrs. Cordry was a sister of Mr. A. J. Elliott, of this city, and an aunt of Mrs. John Lamb. The remains were interred at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

## LENA LANDERS.

Little Lena, the three and a-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Landers, living five miles northwest of Sedalia, died yesterday morning at half past ten o'clock, of that dread disease, pneumonia. The remains were laid to rest this afternoon in the cemetery at Dresden.

At Pleasant Green, Cooper county, of pneumonia, on January 27th, at 2 o'clock a. m. Mrs. Martha J. Cordry, wife of Col. Thomas Cordry, mother of P. E. Cordry and sister of Major A. S. Elliott, of Sedalia. The deceased was born in Howard county February 14th, 1825. She has been a member, in full fellowship, of the Missionary Baptist church for forty years.

Sampson Myers, a colored boy aged about 19 years, died in the north part of the city last night and was buried this afternoon. The cause of his death was not learned.

## Is Consumption Incurable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to overcome the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."

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## BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL.

**The Remains of Mrs. B. C. Robinson, of Houstonia, Brought Here for Burial.**

The 10:30 o'clock train this morning brought the remains of Mrs. B. C. Robinson, wife of one of the wealthiest farmers in the state, residing near Houstonia, in this county, to Sedalia, for burial.

The body was attended by a number of the deceased lady's friends, and many of her acquaintances living here met the remains at the depot. From the depot, the hearse, followed by several carriages and coupes, drove to the city cemetery, where the interment took place.

Both Mrs. Robinson and her husband are well-known in Sedalia and have many friends here. McLaughlin Bro's conducted the funeral arrangements.

**Death of Mrs. Bacon Montgomery.**  
News was received at a late hour yesterday at the BAZOON office that Mrs. Bacon Montgomery, late of Sedalia, was dead, she having breathed her last yesterday.

Mrs. Montgomery was a native of Cooper county, and was married during the war to General Bacon Montgomery. The General met a tragic death in Mexico two years ago, since which time Mrs. Montgomery has resided in St. Joe, Mo., at which place she died.

Mrs. Montgomery was a woman noted for her charity and her many good qualities of head and heart. She leaves a son and daughter of mature years to mourn a loving mother's death.

## An Old Citizen Gone.

Louis Gebhard, one of the oldest citizens of Pettis county breathed his last at his residence at Clifton City in this county, at 3 o'clock this morning.

Deceased was 70 years of age and has been in feeble health for over a year. He was widely known and respected. He leaves two daughters both married, his wife having preceded him to the grave about four years ago.

The remains will be interred in Salem Cemetery to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

## BIOGRAPHICAL.

Louis Gebhard was born in Pennsylvania, on the 25th day of April, 1819, and when he was quite small his parents emigrated to Mason county, Kentucky, where he grew to manhood. He was married to Miss Mary Newdigate on the 24th day of September, 1844. Two daughters were born to them, Annie, who married Charles McCarter, and lives in Cooper county, and Belle, who is also married. Mr. Gebhard owned and run a large wagon and plow manufactory in Kentucky and removed to Pettis county in 1856, locating on the farm which he still owns. Mr. Gebhard was a devoted member of the Christian church, and one of its strongest pillars.

## INTO THE ICE POND.

**Officer Mason Encounters Obstacles in the Pursuance of His Duties.**

**And Takes a Plunge in Sichter's Ice Pond, Saturday Afternoon.**

Saturday was a cold day, and, as a result, Sichter's ice pond, in the outskirts of the city, was frozen over with a compact sheet of ice. A crowd of youngsters, taking advantage of the favorable condition of things, were soon skating on the pond, and enjoying the pleasure immensely. The ice had not frozen enough to be ventured upon with impunity, and as the sheet had cracked in many places, Mrs. Sichter sent for an officer to drive the children off.

Officer Mason responded to the call, and found the pond literally swarming with children, and the ice in such a condition, as to make the possibility of them all taking a ducking imminent.

The officer shouted to the juveniles, but the rascals disregarded his vociferations. He then resorted to every device which he could think of to get the youngsters off the ice, fearing that a disaster might occur at any moment. Failing in these efforts the officer bravely ventured on the ice for the purpose of forcing the position at the point of the bayonet.

The children swarmed about him and he hardly knew how to begin, not caring to lay rough hands on the little fellows, when the ice gave way, and the officer disappeared beneath the icy water of the pond, which bubbled up from the hole made by his descent.

Mr. Mason was soon on the surface again, and, covered with the cold water, which was rapidly freezing on his hair and beard, called for succor. The afflicted youngsters gathered about the submerged police officer and commenced to plead with him. They didn't intend to cause the accident. The officer was not exacting, so a treaty was soon concluded, in which it was agreed that the officer would make no arrests if the boy would vacate the pond and pull him from the hole in the ice. The rascals then extricated Mr. Mason, with a will, and he was soon on his feet again, and on his way home.

After changing his wet clothing, the officer again emerged on the streets, as chipper as a cricket, but the pond remains isolate. The children have kept their contract and it is probable that the officer will not be made the necessity of again visiting the pond, for the purpose of dispersing the youthful revellers.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.  
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.  
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.  
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

## We are Seven.

Sheriff O. B. Anderson, of Keytesville, Chariton county, passed through the city this morning enroute to Jefferson City, having in charge seven prisoners for the penitentiary. They were convicted at the present term of the Keytesville criminal court, which is certainly a daisy in ridding that section of criminals. Of the seven men (all white), four were convicted for burglary, two for horse stealing and one for assault with intent to kill. The sheriff was assisted by two guards and had his pets chained together. He evidently didn't propose to lose them on the road. They were a hard looking lot.

—There are many accidents and diseases which affect stock and cause serious inconvenience and loss to the farmer in his work, which may be quickly remedied by the use of Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment.

## A Painful Accident.

Tom Pelcher, employed in the M. K. & T. shops, met with a very painful accident while at work this morning. He was busily engaged in cutting metal, when his foot slipped, and he cut the fore finger of his left hand entirely off. He was taken to the M. K. & T. hospital, where he received medical attention.

**Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury.**

as Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucus surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do are ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucus surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine, it is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co.

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## CIRCUIT COURT.

In re assignment, E. T. Baldwin, G. C. Heard assignee; ordered off the docket, subject to be reinstated.

Allie Clay et al vs S. Jordan Swick et al, partition; report of sale approved and recorded, except as to land purchased by R. C. Clay; bond of L. L. Bridges as guardian ad litem filed and approved; fifty dollars allowed Singree & Lamm; sheriff ordered to pay \$22 taxes on land; ten dollars allowed guardian ad litem.

Andrew Hobecker vs Jacob Wareham, ejectment; plaintiff files reply to answer.

B. Werner vs James O'Brien, note; plaintiff files motion for new trial; motion heard and overruled; plaintiff given sixty days after term in which to file bill of exceptions.

J. H. Newland vs H. W. Wood, contract; plaintiff given to file amended petition thirty days after term; defendant has until first day of next term to plead to amended petition.

Al Goodwin vs M. M. Stevenson, damages; dismissed for want of prosecution.

David T. Chaney, executor, estate of C. M. A. Chaney, deceased, et al, vs W. B. Reiley; injunction; by consent, defendant, W. B. Reiley, files separate answers.

The court this afternoon was occupied in the trial of the case of J. G. Robert, vs. I. M. Danforth, the action being brought on a note given by the defendant to plaintiff for a fine cow that Danforth bought as a public sale of bloodstock, and which cow was represented as a fine breeder. The defendant claims that she would not breed, and so contests the note. A jury was empaneled and the trial is in progress as we go to press.

L. S. Murray, ex rel Curtis Fields, vs. James Harris et al; bond; alias writ of summons to Boone county for John S. Harris.

In re-assignment, John Burkhart, W. A. Fast, assignee; report of E. L. Collins filed; assignee's final report heard and approved; assignee allowed \$139 for his services; E. L. Collins allowed \$10 as commissioner; assignee discharged.

B. G. Wilkinson vs Frank Schenewark, et al; special tax; judgment for plaintiff on three liens, amounting to \$6,140.

Andrew Habecker vs Jacob Wareham, ejectment; continued at defendant's costs.

J. G. Robert vs I. M. Danforth, appeal; by consent a jury of six men was agreed upon; the jury returns a verdict for plaintiff for \$1. [This was the breeding cow case mentioned in yesterday's BAZOON.]

David T. Chaney, executor of the estate of C. M. A. Chaney, deceased, et al, vs W. B. Reiley, injunction; decree for defendant.

In matter of Sedalia Scientific and Social Club; order of incorporation granted.

The following suit for divorce was filed.

Thomas Dobbins vs Sallie Dobbins, divorce; petition filed and summons ordered issued against defendant.

J. W. Brannon vs C. B. Norton et al, note; judgment by default against defendant Mertz for \$650.65; dismissed as to defendant Norton; judgment to be entered on the last day of this term.

Kauffman Milling Co vs City of St. Louis, damages; depositions on part of defendant filed.

## State Fair.

The State Fair association held a meeting yesterday in the office of James Montgomery. The programme for this year's fair was discussed, and also the subject of getting up a twenty-mile race. The meeting adjourned without coming to any conclusions.

## Bad for Blackburn.

Timothy Buckley, who lives in East Sedalia, this morning swore out a warrant, before Justice Milo Blair, charging Samuel Blackburn, with breaking two chairs and a coal oil lamp. It seems that Timothy gave a ball Tuesday night and in the exuberance of his feelings, Blackburn busted up the aforesaid articles of furniture. He pleaded guilty and was fined one dollar and costs, amounting to \$9.30. Not having that amount of wealth secreted on his person he was committed to jail.

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